step well

vikia stepwell
plan/section
Abhoreni step pond
plan/section

Step pond

-centralized organization centers
honoring space

-square, more compact and steep than well

movement is maze like and indirect
- path is used to lead one to sacred spaces.
- paths are linear for wells; maze like for ponds.
- structure is used for rhythm along paths.
light is used with water to create sacred spaces.
-light changes colors with different times of day.
-light is used with paths to lead one through a progression of spaces.
-ponds are used by the community for enjoyment
-animals drink at wells and ponds
-women wash clothes in ponds

profane

WATER FOR ANIMALS

PLACE OF COMMUNITY
(CAPITAL PLACE OF ENJOYMENT)

(PART NEEDED RELIGIIOUS)
flooding during monsoon
before monsoon

water level vs. seasons
Many are highly ornate relating religious teachings - ponds and wells naturally cool and relieve - structure is used to frame and sequence progression.

Elements

- Natural cooling
- Evaporation
- Decorated wells
- Rhythm of repetition

Repetitive elements:
located throughout kajasthan and gujarat—typically in small villages or within palaces—area is arid and monsoonal